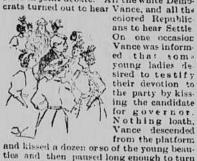
SOME GOOD STORIES.

IN WHICH VARIOUS PHASES OF HU-MAN NATURE ARE SHOWN.

Senator Vance as a Wit of the First Order. The Parrot That Wanted to Know-Two Tales Abou: Rober: Bonner and Dr.

The late Senator Vance used to say that his liveliest campaign for the governorship of North Carolina was that in which Judge Settle ran against him They stumped the state in joint debate. All the white Democrats turned out to hear Vance, and all the colored Republic ans to hear Settle.



On one occasion

from the platform and kissed a dozen or so of the young beauties and then paused long enough to turn around toward his competitor and shout: "Settle, I'm kissing my girls! Now you kiss yours!" Kate Field's Washington says of him that when he married the second time he said to his wife on their wedding day: "My dear, I'm a stubborn fellow, and you may anticipate trouble. Now, in the beginning, while I am submissive, I want to give you one piece of advice. If you follow it, we'll get on mighty well. It is this: Make me do just as I darned please," A newspaper man who was starting for a rather out of the way portion of Vance's own state was asking him one day what kind of accommodation he was likely to find. "They'll give you some of their fried hog and eggs," the senator replied. "That's better than nothing," said the newspaper man. "I don't know." I don't know," the senator answered in a dublous tone: "I've tried both."

A collection of parrot stories that have gone the rounds would, if gathered into book form, make a most respectable vol-ume. One of the best of these is about a certain bird that was in his cage, which hung on the balcony of its owner's house in a southern city.

One day a vender of kindling wood came along, and nearing the house he shouted out in the unvary-way assumed by

way assumed by his craft, "W-o-o-d wo-o-d to sell." When he arrived opposite the house where the parrot was, that bird aroused himself and lustily replied, "Put it down cellar." The dealer, to whom the house

Or .. was familiar and

claimed that individual.

"Yes, you did, sah," persisted the wood man. "As I was pawsing by I heerd a voice sayin, 'Put it in de cellar,' and dat's w'at I most certumly dun, sah."

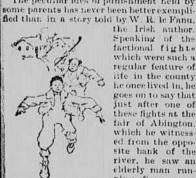
"Oh, you heard a voice, did you?" said the man of the house, and looking up he caught sight of the parrot, who was unconcernedly blinking one eye. "Well, I know who it was. It was that d—d parrot!" and reaching up into the cage he grabbed the unfortunate bird by the tail and swung it around his head and banged it up against the side of the house.

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Then he took it in the back yard and gave it a toss over on the ash heap. The parrot, to all intents and purposes dead, lay there all night. The next morning consciousness returned, and slowly gathering himself up he stood upon his feet. Then straightening out one leg and then the other he looked around, and his eyes fell on the carcass of a dead cat that was lying on the other. of a dead cat that was lying on the other side of the heap. Then he exclaimed as he ruefully gazed on the remains "Umph! What did you order!"

The peculiar idea of punishment held by



which were such a regular feature of He in the county he once lived in, he these fights at the fair of Abington, which he witnessed from the oppo-site bank of the river, he saw an

elderly man run-ning after a young tellow of two or three and twenty. Every dime he got near he struck him on the head with a blackthorn, and every blow he set the blood streaming from his head. At

ast the youth got beyond his reach.
"Why," said Mr. le Fanu to a man
standing near him. "does that young felow let that old man beat him in that say

age way?"
"Ah, sure, your honor." said he. "that's only his father that's chastising him for aghting."

The progress that woman is making to-lay extends into all spheres, and it is nat-aral that in love matters she should not be kempt. The following incident is vouched or by the Detroit Free Press:

or by the Detroit Free Frees:
The young fellow was extremely diffident
and very much in love with the girl.
He bad made half a dozen attempts to ofer her his heart and hand, but on each ocpasion he had fallen short

To add to the seriousness of the situation

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o accept him as
oon the proposal
was in shape
Even the mother

willing, but rown tired of the lilatory tactics and Fabian policy coming often and staying sc

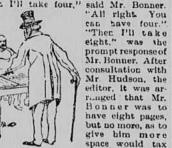
One night, after hree hours of struggle on his part and nuch delicate encouragement on the part f the girl, he had seized her hand convul-ively, dropped on his knees impetuously ad was about one fifth through an impasoned appeal to her to be his'n when the

mother's voice sounded clear on the night from the head of the stairs.

The youth stopped short, but held on. "Mary," came the maternal voice querulously, "is that young man there yet?" "Not yet, mother," replied Mary, smiling sweetly down on the face of her Romeo, "but he's getting there."

And two weeks later the cards were out.

Robert Bonner went to the New York Robert Bonner went ic the New York
Herald one day and asked the business
manager, Mr. Elliott, if he could have a
page of The Herald for next morning Mr.
Elliott said, "Certainly, two if you like"
"Ther. I'll take four," said Mr. Bonner.
"All right You
can have four."
"Ther. I'll take
eight," was the
promut response of



space would tax
the resources of the composing room. "Oh,
you won't have much to set up," said Mr.
Bonner. "I want only this six line advertisement in small type, set in the center of
each column." It was so printed next day.
It was the announcement of a new serial each column." It was so printed next day. It was the announcement of a new serial blood and thunder story by Sylvanus Cobb, Jr. The morning the advertisement appeared Mr. Bonner's minister rushed to his office to remonstrate with him on the extravagance and absurdity of paying 48 times for the insertion of the same insignificant announcement. "Now, why did you do it?" the minister asked. "I had two reasons," Mr. Bonner replied. "I was not going to be bluffed by Joe Elliott, and I wanted to find out if you read The Herald. I see you do."

Ex-President McCosh of Princeton, who recently celebrated his eighty-third birthday, is working on his autobiography, which is not to be published until after his death. A storm is

death. A story is told of him to iltold of him to the lustrate his continued interest in students. According to the Philadelphia Press, a freshman, on his way to the college library, was accosted by Dr. McCosh, "And how do you do, sir? I think I know you, sir, but cannot re sir, but cannot re

sir, but cannot re call your name, sir,"

The freshman gave his name and added that his father was an alumnus of the col-

"Very well, sir. I think I know him, sir. but cannot recall his name. And is your father well?"
"He has been dead for several years," re-

"He has been dead for several years, to plied the student.

This terminated the interview until Dr. McCosh had secured his mail from the post-office and had met the same freshmen returning from the library.

"I know you. I know you, and how are you, and what is your name?" The information was given.

"How is your father?"

"Still dead sir," replied the freshman.

It is said to be an old story, this of a man

named Doherty, who was drilling with his squad of recruits in London. Doherty was 6 feet 2 in height, and at that time the sergeant major was a man whose height was only 5 feet 4. On this day he approached the squad looking sharply about him for some fault to

squared up except Doherty, and the sergeant major at once accosted him. "Head up there, man!" called he.

Doherty raised his head slightly. "Up higher, sir!" The head was raised again. Then

the sergeant major managed, by standing on his toes, to reach Doherty's chin, and he poked it higher, with the remark: "That's hetter. Don't let me see your head down again." By this time everybody was interested at seeing Doherty staring away above the ser-geant major's head, when a voice from

geant imajor's head, when a voice from above said in a rich brogue: "Am I always to be like this, sergeant major?"
"Yes, sir."
"Then I'll say goodby to ye, sergeant ma-jor, for I'll niversee yez again."

Different Tastes.

"Hello, Charley," I said as I took the 8-year-old upon my knee. "Where's your

"Up stairs in her room."
"What is she doing?"

"Frizzing and kinking up her hain"
"And where's the girl?"
"Which one—Dinah?"

"Oh, she's up stairs in her own room." "Well, what is she doing?"
"Oh, she's trying to get the kinks and frizzes out of her hair."—Arkansaw Trav-

Satisfies Her Conscience Anyway.

Mrs. Ighlife—And how do you manage to escape having that odious Mrs. Cheap-stone at your lovely little dinners? One feels that one's obliged to invite her, you

Mrs. Smartleigh—Yes, but I give ali my invitations to her to my husband to mail.—Chicago Tribune.

Liner—That boy of mine has contracted the habit of using slang. I don't know what to do with him.

Spacer-Leave him alone. When he grows up, he can make a name for himself as a writer of "tough boy" dialectsto ries.—Brooklyn Eagle.

"Bables, 25 cents," read a Somerville man from a photographer's sign down in Cambridgeport.

"That's cheap," said he "I've got one up at my house that cost me more than \$200."—Somerville Journal

Mrs Dix-Whom do you consider the best actor in romantic roles? Mrs. Hicks-My husband Sometimes deceives even me.-New York FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

NEW YORK, June 14 .- There was a considerable increase in the volume of business at the stock exchange, but the gain in this respect was at the expense of values. The total sales of stocks

of values. The total sales of stocks footed up 226 539 shares, against 125,—373 yesterday. Sugar figured for 110, 800 shares. This stock was the great feature of the day's speculation, opening at 101½(@101¾, rising to 101½, and finally breaking to 97, a net loss of 4½ per cent for the day.

The bears discovered selling of long stock early in the session and from that time on they bent their energies to bring about a break. The Havemeyer testimony started the selling and it was thought that the evidence given by the officials of the company will be used with good effect against the concern when the House takes up the sugar schedule. Houses with Washington connections were heavy sellers of the stock, and one firm alone parted with 10,000 shares. Chicago Gas advanced to 79½, the best price yet attained, but subsequently when Sugar broke there was a decline to 76½. Chicago advices are that Attorney General Moloney will endeavor to enjoin the payment of the dividend and when accomplished will take up the quo warranto matter once more.

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day's European steamer of \$500,000 to \$750,000, while a source of gratification to the finantial community, had no influence. The market closed weak and ½ to 2½ per cent. lower, except for Sugar, which lost 4½ per cent. The bond market was irregular, but in the main weak. Of to-day's sale of stocks, 107.000 shares were listed and 119.000 unlisted. Treasury balances: Coin, \$87,993.000; currency, \$58,826,000.

Money on call easy at 1 per cent, last loan at 1 and closing offered at 1 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent. Bar silver, 62½. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at 487½@487½ for demand; posted rates, 488@489½. Commercial bills, 486½@487. Government bonds steady. State bonds dull. Raliroad bonds irregular, Silver at the board was neglected. Norfolk and Western closed at 20.

Produce and Merchandise.

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New York, June 14.—Flour duil, about 10 cents lower with wheat; winter wheat, low grades, 1.85@2.50; patents, 2.90@3.25; Minnesota clear, 2.25@2.65; patents, 3.65@4.25; low extras, 1.85@2.50; Southern flour duil, weak; common to fair extra, 2.00@3.00; good to choice do, 3.00@3.50. Wheat duil, %@% lower, closing steady; No. 2 red, store and elevator 60%, afloat 60%@61; options declined %@%. rallied %@ % on coverings, fell 1@1%, rallied %@ and closed steady at %@%c. relied %@% on coverings, fell 1@1%, rallied %@ and closed steady at %@%c. below yesterday, with trading duil; No. 2 red closed, June, 60%; July, 61%; August, 62%.

Corn quiet, firmer; No. 2, 46@46% elevator, 46@46% afloat; options dull and firm at %@% advance; June, 45%; July, 46%; August, 46%; September, 47%. Oats fairly active, firmer; options duil; June, 44; July, 47; September, 35%; No. 2 white, July, 49; spot No. 2, 48@48%; No 2 white, 49%@50; mixed Western, 48%@49%; white do, 49@52%. Hay steady; shipping, 55@00; good to choice, 75@85. Wool quiet, easy; domestic fleece, 18@23; pulled, 15@34. Beef dull, steady; family, 12@14; extra mess, 8 00@8 50.

Peanuts firm. Coffee options steady, 20 points up to 10 down; July, 14 75@14 85; September, 13 70@13 75; December, 15 70@13 75; December, 16 70@14 75; Grand fair refining, 2%; refined fairly active, firmer; off A, 3 13-16@4; standard A, 41-16@4%; cut losf, 4%@51-16; crushed, 4%@51-16; granulated, 41-16@4%. Freights to Liverpool quiet, steady; cotton, 5-64 pence; grain 1 pence.

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4th. All other matters that may be by me deemed pertinent or that may be required by any party in interest.

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